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# A

A for the APPLE  
or Alphabet pie,  
Which all get a slice  
of. Come taste it & try.

# B

C for the  
CAT that  
played on  
the fiddle,  
When cows  
jumped  
higher than  
Heigh  
Diddle  
Diddle!



# D

D for the  
DAME  
with her  
pig at the  
stile,  
Tis said  
they got  
over, but  
not yet  
a while.



B is the  
BABY  
who gave  
Mr Bunting  
Full many  
a long day's  
rabbit skin  
hunting.

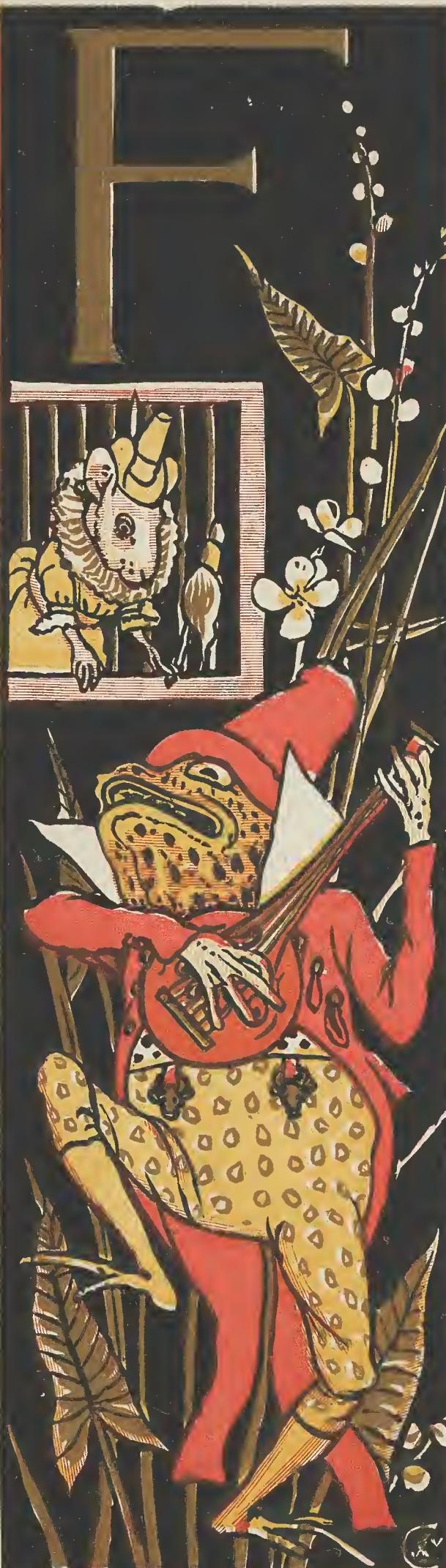
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E for the Englishman,  
ready to make fast  
The giant who wanted to  
have him for breakfast.



F for the Frog in the story  
you know,  
Begun with a wooing but  
ending in woe.



G for Goosey Gander.  
who wondered upstairs,  
And met the old man  
who objected to prayers.

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H for poor Humpty who  
after his fall,  
Felt obliged to resign his  
seat on the wall.

I for the Inn where they  
wouldn't give beer,  
To one with too much  
and no money, I fear.

J does for poor Jack and  
also for Jill,  
Who had so disastrous  
a tumble down hill.











Q for Queen Anne  
who sat in the sun  
Till she, more than the lily  
resembled the bun



R stands for Richard &  
Robert, those men  
Who didn't get up one  
fine morning till ten!



S for the Snail that showed  
wonderful fight,  
Putting no less than twenty  
four tailors to flight!



T stands for Tom, the son of  
the piper,  
May his principles change  
as his years grow riper.



U for the Unicorn, keeping  
his eye on  
The coveted crown, and  
its counsel the Lion.



V for the Victuals, including  
the drink,  
The old woman lived on  
surprising to think!

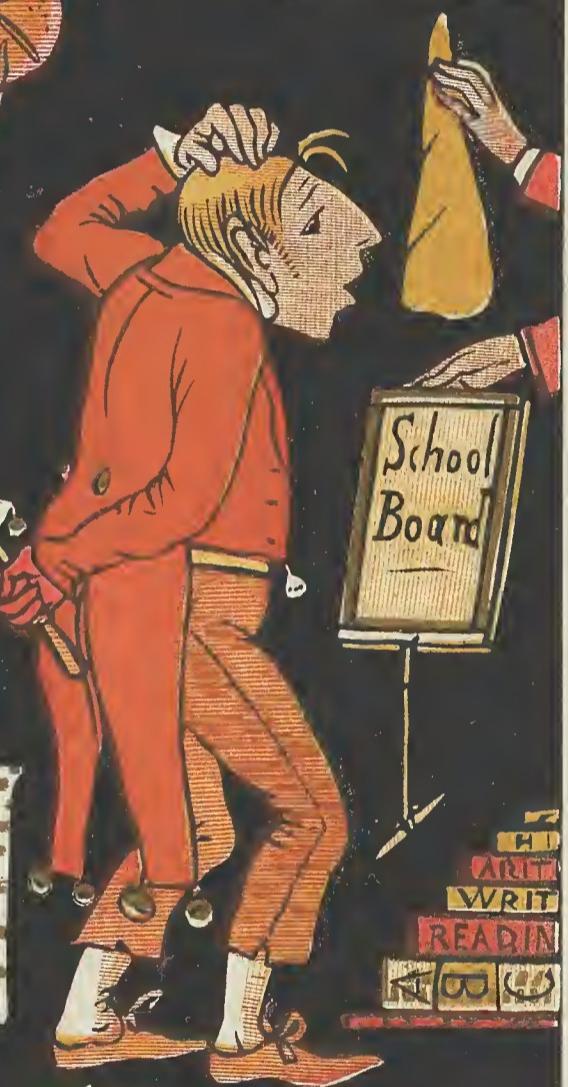
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W for the  
**WOMAN**  
who not  
over nice,  
Made very  
short  
work of  
the three  
blind mice



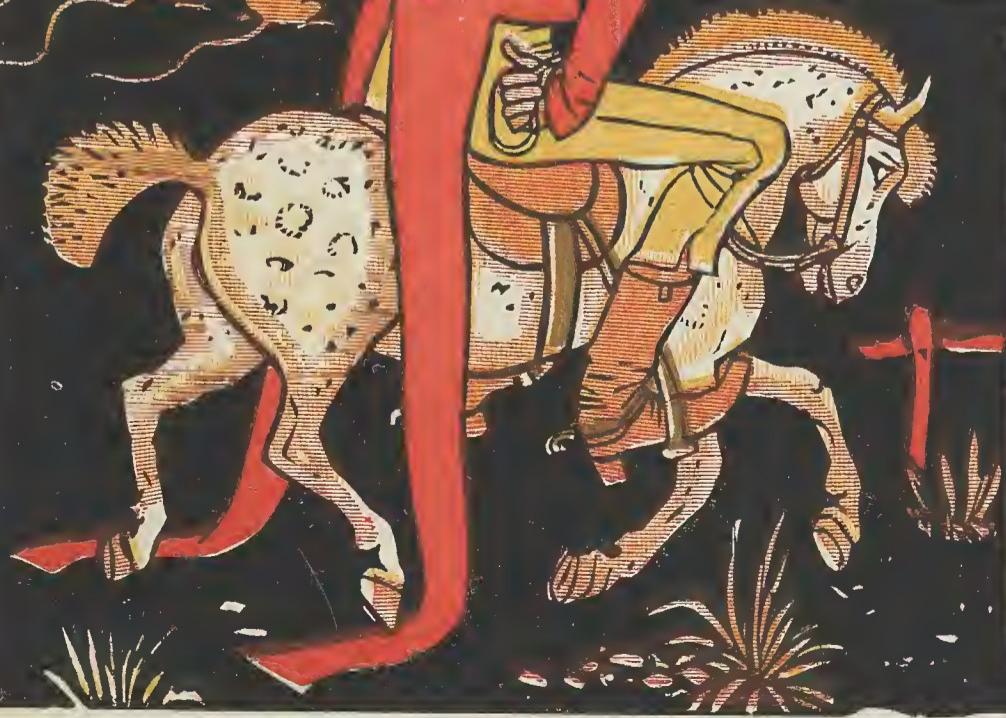
Z for the  
**ZANY** who  
looked like  
a fool,  
For when he  
was young  
he neglected  
his school.



X is the X that is found  
upon buns  
which daughters not h-  
king may come in for sons.



Y for Yan-  
kee Doodle  
of ancient  
renown,  
Both he &  
his pony  
that took  
him to town



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